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	Jordan Hamann	2667	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 5-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 3/6/02 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 5 line 20 "Elrang" should be --Erlang--, and page 19 line 18 "flow classifier 30" should be --flow classifier 32--.

Appropriate correction is required.

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 & 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (US 6,724,722 B1).

With respect to claim 1, Wang discloses a constrained multipath routing method in a Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network, comprising the steps of:

- a) setting MPLS network conditions and traffic requirements assigned to each link (column 4 lines 61-67);
- b) calculating the amount of assignments of each traffic requirement assigned to each link and a minimum value of each maximum link utilization (column 2 line 66 – column 3 line 5);
- c) calculating a traffic rate in which the degree of network resource utilization is minimized in the minimized maximum link utilization using the calculated amount of assignments of each traffic requirement and which assigned to each link (column 4 lines 61-67); and
- d) calculating multiple paths corresponding to the input traffic requirements and traffic division ratios of the multiple paths using the calculated traffic rate (column 6 lines 5-8).

See also Figure 6 and claims 1, 2 & 5.

With respect to claim 10, Wang discloses a computer-readable record medium for recording a program in a Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network, the program executing the functions of:

- a) setting MPLS network conditions and traffic requirements assigned to each link (column 4 lines 61-67);

b) calculating the amount of assignments of each traffic requirement assigned to each link and a minimum value of each maximum link utilization (column 2 line 66 – column 3 line 5);

c) calculating a traffic rate in which the degree of network resource utilization is minimized in the minimized maximum link utilization using the calculated amount of assignments of each traffic requirement and which assigned to each link (column 4 lines 61-67); and

d) calculating multiple paths corresponding to the input traffic requirements and traffic division ratios of the multiple paths using the calculated traffic rate (column 6 lines 5-8).

See also Figure 6 and claims 14 & 15.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 & 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. (US 6,724,722 B1).

Wang discloses the constrained multipath routing method according to claim 1, wherein in the step b) the minimum value of the maximum link utilization of each link and in the step c) the traffic rate, are calculated by applying a mathematical modeling method by using linear programming (column 4 line 67 – column 5 line 28).

Mixed integer programming (MIP) is linear programming.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 & 5-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

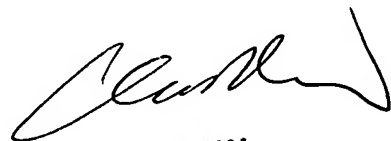
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan Hamann whose telephone number is (571) 272-8564. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:30 and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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